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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HIROYUKI EBINUMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: COOK, L.
SERIAL NO: 10/575,931 :
FILED: APRIL 14, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1641
FOR: METHOD OF SEPARATING AND :
ASSAYING ADIPONECTIN MULTIMER

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 2, 2008 Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 20-37 and 48 drawn to methods and kits for quantifying HMW-Ad on high molecular weight adiponectin (target) in a sample.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II-IV if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.